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This page currently provides Production Data, Lease Data, Borehole, and Lease Owner Online Query tables, as well as APD and API Lookup tables, Exploration and Development Plans, and Offshore Statistics by Water Depth, Planning Area, Date and District.



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Historical Well Data Clean-up Project

One of the primary objectives of the Historical Well Data Cleanup (HWDC) Project is to obtain the missing data for the wellbores that have not been assigned API numbers by MMS. Since well data are critical for many of our mission responsibilities, the electronic records we derived from the information operators submitted are maintained in MMS's Technical Information Management System (TIMS) for access by all of our offices. MMS data are also the primary source of Gulf of Mexico well data and information for many operators and data vendors. The TIMS data contain approximately 40,000 wellbores and the project is expected to capture an estimated 3,000 to 10,000 borehole records that are missing from TIMS because MMS only recently began recording well bypasses and redrills.

MMS has not conducted a review of our electronic well records (or data) with the operators for approximately fifteen years. During this time many leases and well records have changed ownership, the technology for obtaining these data has changed, and good management and analyses of this information have become vital for decision making. The HWDC project will create a reliable, unique well identifier for all wells in the Region, provide quality well data and information for us and for industry, and facilitate improvements in data exchange and management of data and information in the Region. These changes will also expedite our decisions, permits, and approvals as the improved electronic records for wells become available. Three [HWDC Project status tables](#) are available: a query option listing wellheader data reviewed and cleaned to date, a comprehensive, quick reference listing by area and block of wellheader data either undergoing or completed review and cleaning, and a status listing of data requested from the designated operator.

The primary tasks of the clean-up project are a systematic review, update, and cleanup of the well information and to create records for those wells not previously assigned MMS well names and numbers. The data for the project include basic well reference information, well completions, directional surveys, velocity surveys, well logs, core data, and paleo data. MMS contracted to Petris Technology, Inc. in September 1999, for additional support during the project. The project is expected to continue for 4 to 5 years.

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The well data below contain basic reference elements resulting from the initial comparison of MMS's data to the well operator's information. Differences between the MMS data and these data will exist until completion of the project. For example, wells not previously assigned names and numbers will be included initially in these data but not in MMS data. **This data represents "work in progress" and will undergo further quality checking prior to its release through normal MMS channels.**

This list will eventually provide a public listing of unique well identifiers for wells in the OCS that have been reviewed for accuracy. Subsequent phases for the Historical Data Cleanup Project will include additional efforts beyond the scope of the wellheader data. If additional wellbore information exists for wells, a link from the API number to a remarks field will be available.

The status of well data requested and received from the designated operator for the Historical Data Cleanup Project is listed by lease, area, and block and is available for review. This table indicates the bottom lease, block, and area, designated lease operator, and date data requested from operator.

For more information on the Historical Well Data Cleanup effort please refer to [NTL 98-29](#), [NTL 98-29 \(Addendum 1\)](#), and [NTL 98-29 \(Addendum 2\)](#). Please direct any questions or comments you may have about this data to the Gulf of Mexico's [Technical Data Management Section](#).

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Historical Well Data Cleanup Project**Common Wellheader Data Status**

This table indicates the status of well data requested and received from the designated operator of leases that are part of the Historical Well Data Cleanup Project.

Your Request Returned 345 Entries.

Well Data Status							
Bottom Lease Number	Bottom Area Code	Bottom Block Number	Designated Operator	Date Data Requested	Date Data Due	Date Data Received	Date Data Delayed
G06018	MU	A 20	Chevron USA	4/25/00	5/27/00	5/22/00	
G06036	MI	602	BP-Amoco	4/26/00	5/27/00	6/20/00	6/6/00
G03730	MI	634	Canadianoxy Offshore (CXY)	4/26/00	6/1/00	7/19/00	6/21/00
G11260	MI	601	Vastar Resources	4/26/00	5/28/00	5/18/00	
G03092	MI	633	Tomlinson Offshore	4/26/00	6/1/00	7/7/00	
G08996	MI	637	Shell Offshore	4/26/00	5/27/00	6/2/00	6/8/00
G08995	MI	634	Sante Fe International Corporation/Chieftain	4/26/00	6/1/00	8/21/00	
G03305	MI	600	Pioneer Natural Resource	4/26/00	6/1/00	5/22/00	
G04545	MI	653	Oxy USA Inc.	4/26/00	6/1/00	7/3/00	
G11259	MI	600	Houston Exploration	4/26/00	5/29/00	5/31/00	
G06042	MI	633	EOG Resources	4/26/00	6/2/00	5/31/00	
G03084	MI	601	Elpaso Production	4/26/00	5/28/00	5/17/00	
G05001	MI	636	Apache Corporation	4/26/00	6/1/00	5/30/00	
G09586	EI	207	Devon Energy	3/2/00	4/7/00	5/11/00	
G17985	EI	207	Pioneer Natural Resource	3/2/00	4/7/00	4/21/00	4/15/00
00581	EI	216	Texaco	3/2/00	4/6/00	3/9/00	

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Select Options Using the Checkboxes
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19, 2000**Summary File for Wellheader Data Cleanup**

Column Alias	Definition
API Well Number	API_WELL_NUMBER - A unique well identification number consisting of (from left to right) a two digit state code (or pseudo for Offshore), a three digit county code (or pseudo for Offshore), a five digit unique well code, and if applicable, a two digit sidetrack code as defined in API Bulletin D12A.
BH Total MD	BH_TOTAL_MD -The actual distance measured along the axis of the borehole from the rig Kelly bishing to the depth of maximum penetration of the well. (Driller's TD)
Botm Area Code	BOTM_AREA_CODE -The designated abbreviation assigned to Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) geographical units for identification purposes and for use on maps and in databases as applied to the bottomhole location of a well.
Botm Block Num	BOTM_BLOCK_NUM -Identifies a subdivision of an Official Protraction Diagram as applied to the subdivision containing the bottomhole location of a well.
Bottom EW Code	BOTM_E_W_CODE -Indicates whether the borehole bottom location is measured from the east (E) or west (W) block boundary.
Bottom EW Distance	BOTM_E_W_DIST -The distance from the location of the borehole bottom to either the east or west block boundary.
Botm Lease Num	BOTM_LEASE_NUM -The number assigned to the lease that contains the bottom location of a well.
Bottom NS Code	BOTM_N_S_CODE -Indicates whether the borehole bottom location is measured from the north (N) or south (S) block boundary.
Bottom NS Distance	BOTM_N_S_DIST -The distance from the location of the borehole bottom to either the north or south block boundary.
Bottom Latitude	BOTM_LATITUDE -Angle subtended with equatorial plane by a perpendicular from a point on the surface of a spheroid. A positive value denotes north. The latitude value of a location in the borehole.
Bottom Longitude	BOTM_LONGITUDE -Angle measured about the spheroid axis from a local prime meridian to the meridian through the point. A positive value denotes east. The longitude value of a location in a borehole.
Bottom Sort Name	BOTM_SORT_NAME -Current operator of bottom lease.
Surf Area Code	SURF_AREA_CODE -The indicator used to identify an area name.
Surf Block Num	SURF_BLOCK_NUM -Identifies a subdivision of an Official Protraction Diagram as applied to the subdivision containing the surface location of a well.

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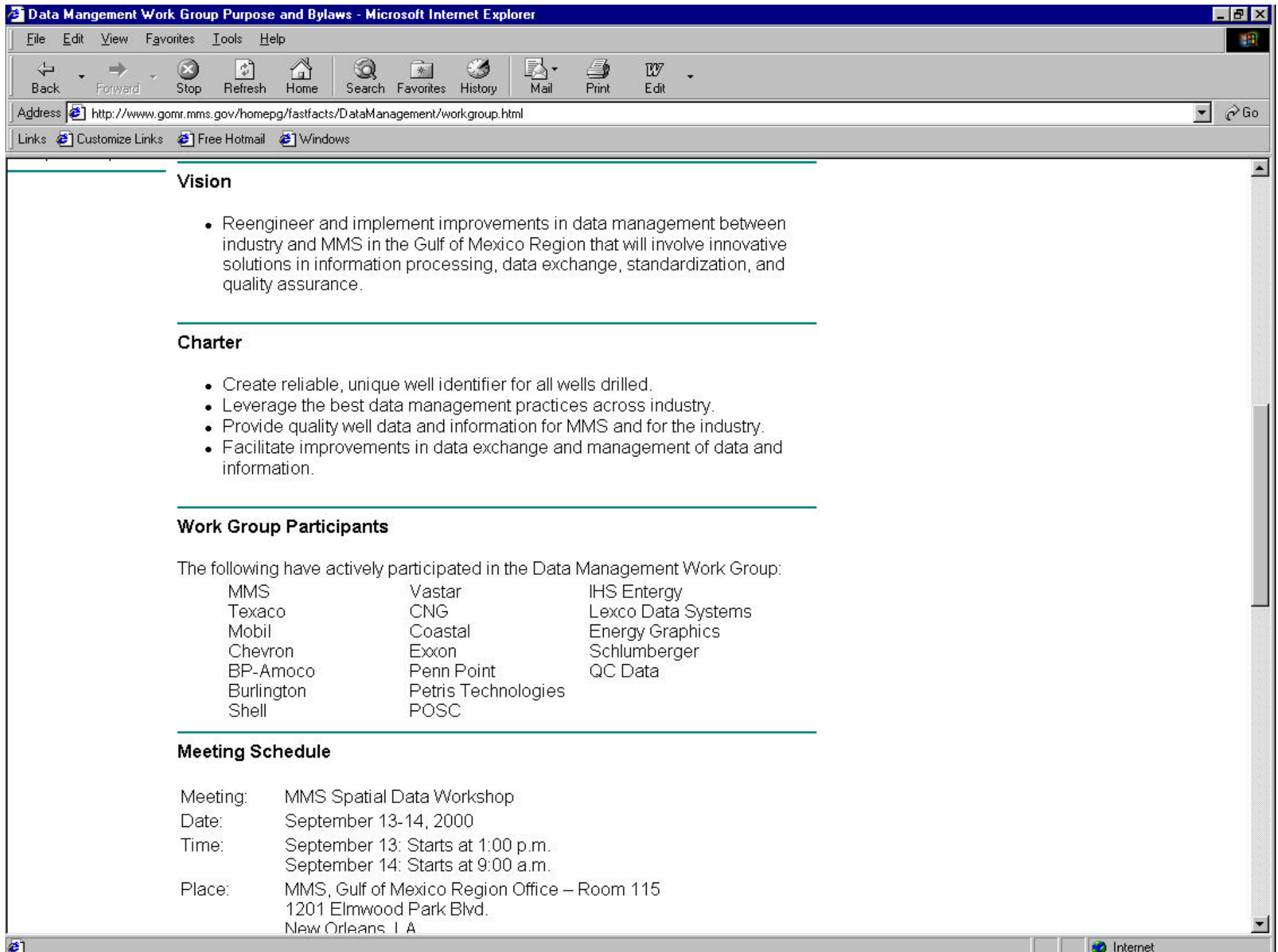
The purpose of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Data Management Work Group (DMWG) shall be to foster and encourage communication and collaborative efforts among industry and Government personnel with data management and regulatory responsibilities for the purpose of improving GOM data management. The group may provide recommendations on Government requirements for data reporting and release of information and on Government data management activities that impact the information available to the public.

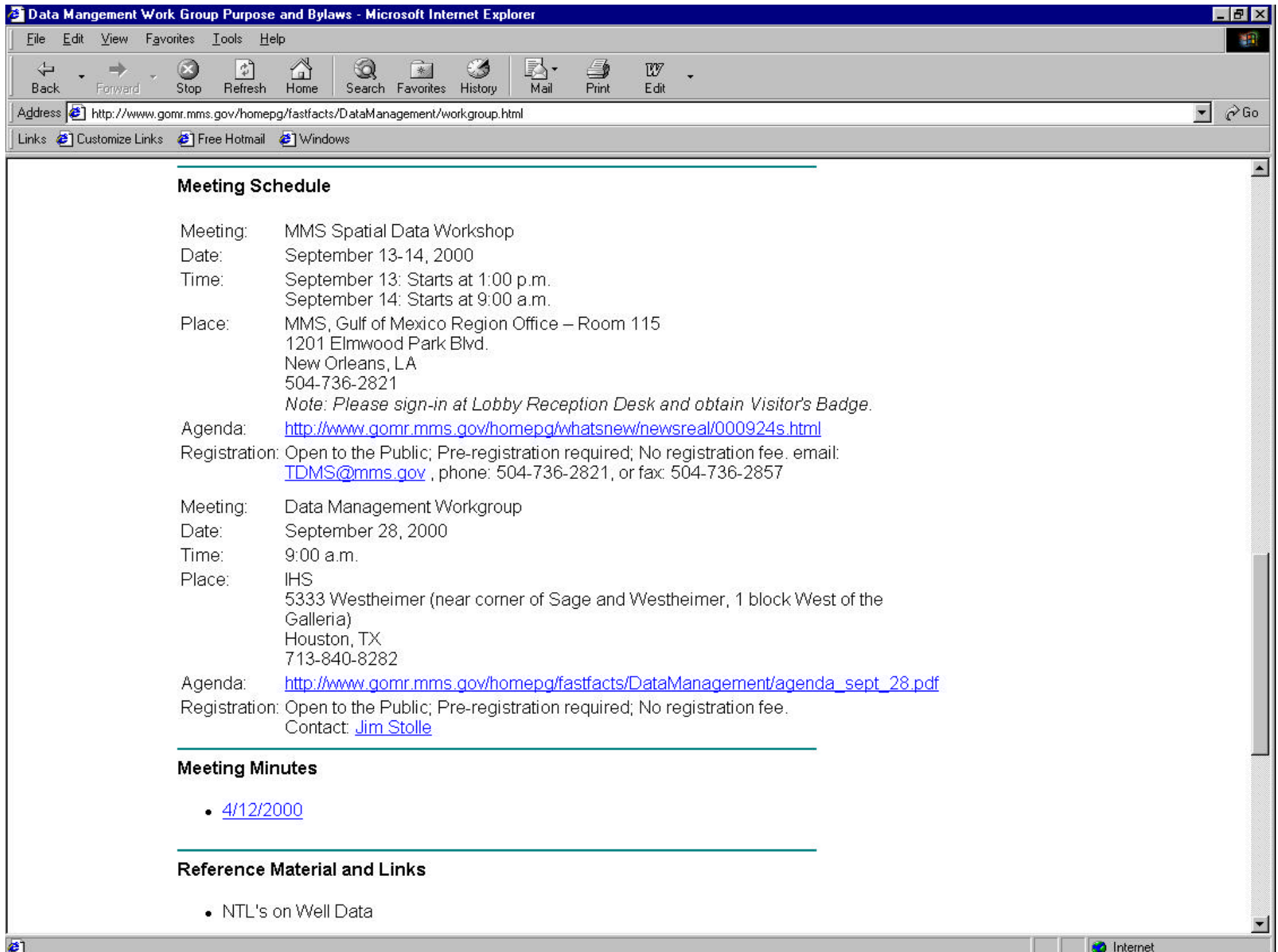
- Membership shall be open, but attendance at meetings may be restricted because of facilities.
- The various members shall host the meetings. The host shall provide facilities, an agenda, and minutes and shall preside over the meeting. Lunch and refreshments shall be optional.
- The group shall have both industry and Government champions. The champions shall be confirmed at the meetings. The champions shall promote the group activities among the industry and the Government agencies and shall assist the various hosts with the meeting provisions and presiding over the meeting.

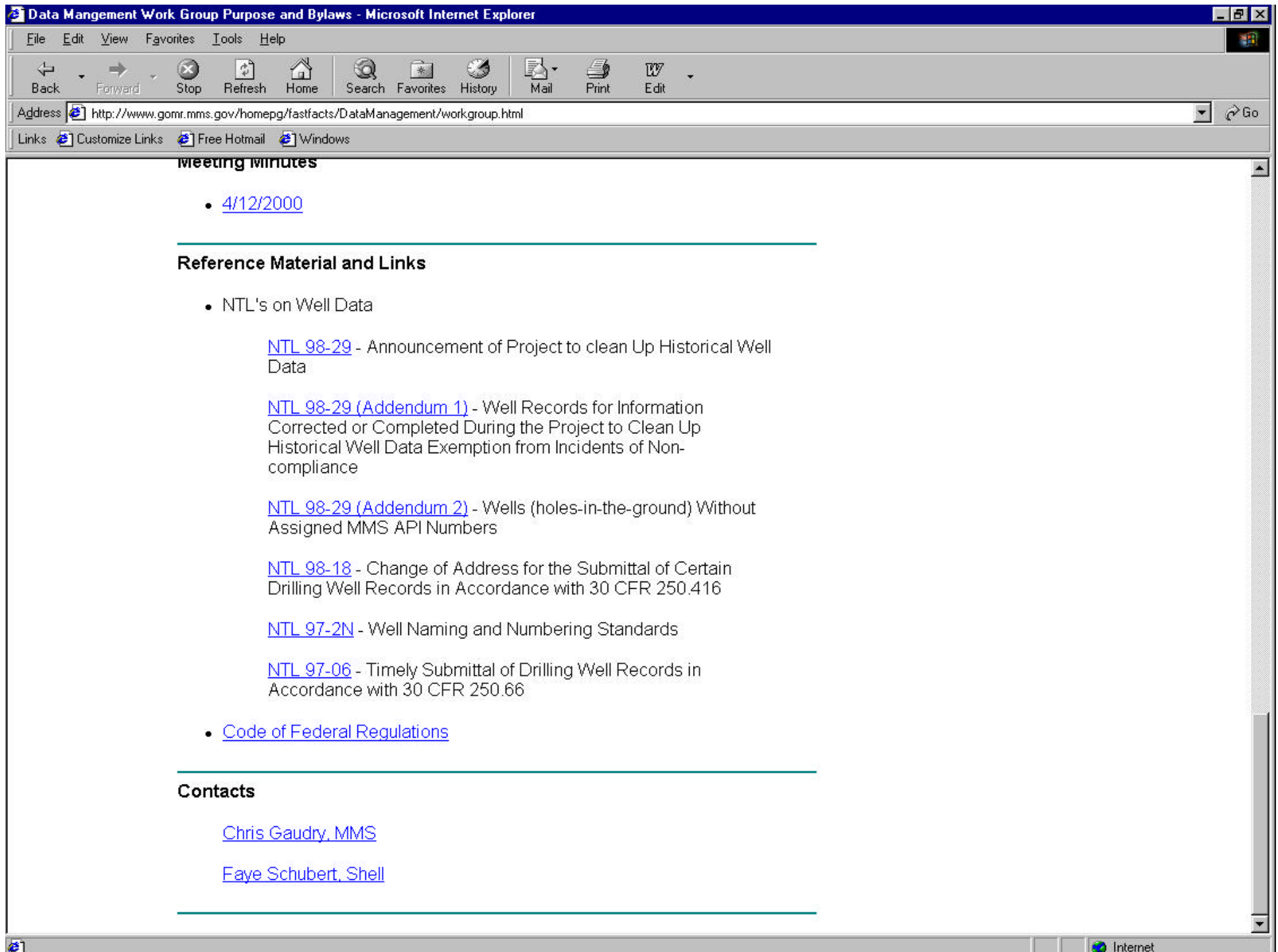
History

- June 1998: Data Management Representatives from Amoco, Chevron, Exxon, Mobil, Shell, Texaco and MMS meet in New Orleans to discuss common (well data) issues.
- Summer 1998: Form GOM DMWG consisting of Operators, MMS Vendors, Service Companies.
- DMWG meetings hosted by various participants in New Orleans and Houston (monthly or bimonthly meetings, time permitting)
- DMWG established a formal structure by becoming a subgroup of the Offshore Operators Committee (OOC).
 - The OOC consists of permits and regulatory departments from the industry. MMS listens intently to this group for recommendations.
- Expand participation to other Operators and Lessees.

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Please direct any questions or comments you may have about MMS Gulf of Mexico Data Management issues to the Gulf of Mexico's Technical Data Management Section at the following address:

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Phone: (504) 736-2887; Fax: (504) 736-2857
E-mail: tdms@mms.gov

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Historical Well Data Cleanup

- Fully operational on February 14, 2000
- Reviewed - 2290 blocks (743 blocks with wells)
- Common Well Headers built - 7049
- New API's identified - 155

Active Areas & Blocks

Seq.	Letters Sent	Area	Blocks							
1	03/03/2000	Eugene Island	EI 207 EI 216 EI 229	EI 208 EI 215 EI 230	EI209 EI 214 EI 231					
2	03/28/2000	Viosca Knoll	VK 911 VK 956 VK 999	VK 912 VK 957 VK1000	VK 913 VK 958 VK1001					
3	04/11/2000	Garden Banks	GB 381 GB 425 GB 469	GB 382 GB 426 GB 470	GB 383 GB 427 GB 471					
4	04/25/2000	Mustang Island	MU 829 MU A12 MU A21 MU A22	MU 830 MU A13 MU A20 MU A23	MU A11 MU A14 MU A19 MU A24					
5	04/26/2000	Matagorda Island	MI 598 MI 625 MI 633 MI 655	MI 599 MI 624 MI 634 MI 654	MI 600 MI 623 MI 635 MI 653	MI 601 MI 622 MI 636 MI 652	MI 602 MI 621 MI 637 MI 651			
6	05/23/2000	High Island	HI 178 HI 194 HI 207 HI 229	HI 177 HI 195 HI 206 HI 230	HI 176 HI 196 HI 205 HI 231	HI 175 HI 197 HI 204 HI 232				
7	05/23/2000	East Cameron	EC 87 EC 96 EC 105 EC 114	EC 88 EC 95 EC 106 EC 113	EC 89 EC 94 EC 107 EC 112	EC 90 EC 93 EC 108 EC 111				
8	05/23/2000	Grand Isle	GI 109 GI 117 GI 118 GI 121	GI 110 GI 116 GI 119	GI 111 GI 115 GI 120	GI 112 GI 114	GI 113			
9	06/07/2000	Ewing Bank		EW 743 EW 786 EW 830	EW 744 EW 787 EW 831	EW 701 EW 745 EW 788 EW 832	EW 658 EW 702 EW 746 EW 790 EW 834			
10	06/20/2000	Mississippi Canyon						MC 617 MC 661 MC 705 MC 749 MC 793	MC 618 MC 662 MC 706 MC 750 MC 794	MC 619 MC 663 MC 707 MC 751 MC 795
11	07/05/2000 07/11/2000	Mississippi Canyon	ALL REMAINING BLOCKS							
12	09/14/2000	Garden Banks	ALL REMAINING BLOCKS							
13		Ewing Bank	ALL REMAINING BLOCKS							
14		South Marsh Island	ALL BLOCKS							
15		West Delta	ALL BLOCKS							

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- Focus on digital headers & documents
 - review initial results
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 - reworking headers from responses
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MMS HWDC Project - Initial Results

	TIMS	CWHM	Well Files Scanned	Wells with Documents	Total Documents
Eugene Island	228	262	201	241	4083
Viosca Knoll	55	57	32	53	289
Garden Banks	40	56	30	38	263
Mustang Island	14	20	13	15	143
Matagorda Island	103	138	104	132	1530
High Island	93	103	81	94	1042
East Cameron	47	56	49	55	768
Grand Isle	20	21	15	18	140
Ewing Bank	7	13	7	11	47
Mississippi Canyon	14	15	6	6	45

MMS HWDC Project - Document Inconsistencies

- APD's, Completion/summary reports, Sundry notices & Item 77
 - as submitted by operators
- Inconsistencies
 - surface and bottom hole information intermingled
 - block and lease information
 - alternating information on sequential documents
 - surface locations
 - different API numbers and/or well numbers
 - mismatch with digital headers
 - missing well bores
 - narrative reference to sidetracks but no key data

MMS HWDC Project - Operator Responses

- Submission variations
 - 50/50 split between paper and electronic data
 - variety of electronic data with numerous formats
- Further inconsistencies
 - not all CWHM attributes are supplied
 - lack of headings on spreadsheets
 - original hole and sidetracks with different surface locations
 - letters confirming borehole file as correct are inadequate
- Best practices
 - Shell, Texaco and Amerada
 - consolidated scouting information
- MMS/Petris feedback on responses

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MMS HWDC Project - Current Activity

- Reworking of headers
 - built from all available information
 - digital headers from industry
 - MMS documents
 - operator responses
 - consistent set of data for all well bores
- Posting of headers
 - review and approval by Petris and the MMS
 - available under ‘Fast Facts’ from MMS homepage
(<http://www.gomr.mms.gov/index.html>)
- Associated data
 - positioning and inventory
 - logs, cores, tests, velocities, pressures, paleo and production

MMS HWDC Project - E&P Managers Meeting

- Discussion points
 - still a significant disparity between operators as to what is required
 - confirmed by range and content of responses
 - undermines the quality
 - existing contacts are predominantly regulatory personnel
 - not really the benefactors
 - significance of project may be lost
 - project targets E&P data management problems
 - formulated with feedback from DMWG (E&P data managers)
 - real benefactors are E&P Groups
 - health and safety, interpretation, drilling, cost control
 - improve awareness within E&P groups
 - custodians of key data
 - appropriate resource to determine value